

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A device for use as an external stabilizer of a heart base comprising a strip of biocompatible, implantable material having a predetermined size adapted for external application to the heart base to prevent basal dilation.
2. The device of claim 1, further comprising a top edge, a bottom edge and a center portion.
3. The device of claim 2, wherein the distance between the outside of the top edge and the outside of the bottom edge is between 2 and 5 cms.
4. The device of claim 2, wherein the center portion further comprises an open mesh.
5. The device of claim 4, wherein the open mesh further comprises opening sizes between 2 mm to 2 cm, when measured along the longest axis.
6. The device of claim 2, wherein the top and bottom edge further comprise a metal.
7. The device of claim 2, wherein the center portion further comprises a polyester mesh.
8. The device of claim 2, further comprising attachment means.
9. The device of claim 2, further comprising attachment members.
10. The device of claim 9, wherein the attachment members further comprise eyelets.
11. A method for treating heart disorders comprising epicardial placement of a device according to claim 1 around the base of the heart.

12. The method according to claim 11, wherein the device is placed in the atrio-ventricular groove.